

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
May 26, 2015

Councilman Manning – Present  
Councilwoman Harp – Present  
Councilman Boyer – Present  
Councilman Wood – Present  
Councilman Wiles – Present  
Councilwoman Mull – Present  
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **MINUTES**

Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the April 21, 2015 minutes. Councilwoman Harp 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS**

HIGHWAY – Phone System

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis explained the Highway only has a couple of phones and is in desperate need of a new system. The Highway made a request for an additional appropriation of \$15,000 to upgrade their system. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Wiles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilman Manning asked what fund it would come out of and the response was Highway Phase 1. Councilman Wiles asked if that included any cell phones and the response was that it did not, it only covers landlines for both locations. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **SURVEYOR CONERSTONE (PERPETUATION)**

The Surveyor explained that he is in need of \$9,000 for work on cornerstones and \$4,000 for his share of paying for new aerial photographs for GIS. The State used to pay for the aerial photography but does not anymore. The Assessor, Surveyor and the Auditor will pay for the majority of it with the City of Peru putting some in as well. Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **JAIL CONSTRUCTION (LANDSCAPING) FUND – New Maintenance Truck**

Sheriff Tim Miller explained that there was a need for a new truck for the maintenance person at the jail. This fund has \$19,896.42, which is the amount requested to be appropriated for the purchase of this truck. The Sheriff has \$10,000 in his budget and the Board of Commissioners agreed to pay balance of approximately \$5,100. The Sheriff will also purchase a plow attachment out of his funds to plow in the winter. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Angie Bever-Bonham requested the Council allow her to transfer \$10,500 from personal services, in her grant fund, to other services. There is money in her grant fund that if not spent she will have to return to the State. The transfer would allow her to utilize the money for needed items. The Community Corrections Board approved the transfer. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the transfer. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Manning stated he had heard there would be \$60 million in new monies appropriated at the State level for Community Corrections and asked Mrs. Bever-Bonham if would increase or affect Miami County in any way. She replied that it was her understanding the majority of that would go for mental health and was not sure how it would affect us.

#### **MCEDA**

Jim Tidd presented Resolution 5-26-15 giving him the authority to pledge TIF dollars to pay for the bond taken out for the repair of Hoosier Boulevard at Grissom. E & B Paving gave an estimate of \$80,000 to repair the road, however the 90 degree turn on that road causes issues for trucks, so Mr. Tidd would like to see it corrected while the paving is being done. Resolution 5-26-15 is to allow TIF monies be used to repair the road, not to exceed \$1,000,000. The Council asked Mr. Tidd to get another bid. Mr. Tidd stated he would ask Gaunt & Son for a bid.

Mr. Tidd stated that by pledging TIF dollars, the current sunset date of 2025 would be extended to 2040. Mr. Tidd further explained that since the bonds will be solely paid with TIF dollars, it will not count against the County debt limit.

Councilman Wood asked Mr. Tidd how much he brings in from that TIF area and how much would the payments be. Mr. Tidd said they bring in around \$263,000 a year and the payments will be around \$54,000. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve Resolution 5-26-15. Councilman Manning 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

#### **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Craig Boyer spoke to the group regarding the Nickle Plate Trail. There is 65 acres of land for the trail from Bunker Hill to Amboy and 185 acres from Cass to Converse (in Miami County). The Investment Company never paid a dime in property tax (loss of approximately \$102,000) and Councilman Boyer asked how they could sell land that did not legally belong to them. Councilman Boyer stated he was told Councilman Duckwall and Commissioner West wrote letters approving the sell of the land and wanted to know if it was true. Councilman Duckwall said he did not write any letter and if they had one he would like to see it and he would check into it. Commissioner West stated he would not check into it because he did not write one.

Angie Bever-Bonham stated that she had asked to address the Council regarding increasing her part time employees from 10.50 and 11.00 to 13.50 as some of the Courthouse part time people are paid but was not sure when they wanted her to do that. President Duckwall had assumed she would do it when she addressed them about the other issue and allowed her to address it at this time. She has a field officer that goes in the homes of convicted felons that are on house arrest and he makes \$11 per hour as a part-time wage. Mrs. Bonham also has an administrative assistant who is part time and makes \$10.50 an hour. Mrs. Bonham is asking that they be paid the \$13.50 an hour as some of the Courthouse part time employees make. She has the money in her budget (Community Corrections) and feels they deserve to \$13.50 an hour due to the nature of their jobs. Councilman Boyer made a motion to table until the June meeting. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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**Jane Lilley**  
Miami County Auditor